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It's a kind of MAGIC

The Gold Coast will come alive with the Magic Millions Raceday this afternoon, as actor Nicky Whelan (right) leads a cast of A-listers at the track and filly Sunlight sits as favourite in the $2 million main race

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JESSICA MARSZALEK

A CHILD protection supervisor has sensationally been suspended after allegedly handing a parent top-secret details of an impending investigation into them in exchange for drugs.

In an appalling corruption scandal for the troubled Child Safety Department, the official is accused of obtaining drugs from both the parent and their teenage son in return for the highly sensitive information.

The official has been stood down but, six months into the inquiry, which involves Crime and Corruption Commission investigators, he remains on full pay and living in a taxpayer-funded house in the state's far north.

The man has since been charged with choking, suffocation and strangulation over an unrelated domestic violence incident and is due to appear in court this month.

The claims follow a tumultuous time for the department, which has faced overhauls stemming from tragic child death cases involving Tiahleigh Palmer and Mason Lee.

The Courier-Mail can reveal the man was suspended from his job in July when the criminal claims were first levelled against him, sparking police and internal investigations.

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GONE-SKI: TJ Peabody enjoying his lavish getaway.

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Tycoon on luxury ski trip as Brisbane food empire collapses and staff sacked via email

TAKING THE PISTE

ANOOSKA TUCKER-EVANS

A BRISBANE food king has been accused of a heartless betrayal after closing his restaurants and sacking staff via email while on a lavish holiday at the famed Whistler ski resort.

Stunned staff said TJ Peabody – heir to a half-a-billion-dollar family fortune – gave assurances they still had jobs before jetting out.

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